

Pets in the Classroom
Nonfiction Text Set with Annotated Bibliography
(Grade 6 CMS)

Expository Nonfiction Texts

1. **Title:** “Pets in the Classroom” by Andrea Mulder-Slater

Abstract: An article that lists the pros and cons of classroom pets.

Link to article: <http://www.kinderart.com/teachers/pets.shtml>

2. **Title:** “Animals Make Good Teachers” from Scholastic.com

Abstract: An article by Scholastic detailing why animals make good teachers

Link to article: www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/more-school-life/animals-make-good-teachers

3. **Title:** “Classroom Pets” by Bj Lewis

Abstract: A newspaper article documenting how Dudley Magnet School fifth-graders get an up close and personal lesson about predator and prey in Cheryl Clark's class.

Link to article:

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nfh&AN=2W63149545570&site=ehost-live>

4. **Title:** "Kids and Critters In Class Together." by Anthony Rud Jr. and Alan M. Beck

Abstract: Focuses on how the interaction between children and companion animals shapes students' learning in the **classroom** and elsewhere.

Link to article:

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=f5h&AN=3849904&site=ehost-live>

Opposing Viewpoints: Argument Nonfiction Texts

1. **Title:** “Say 'No' to Class 'Pets'” from Peta.org

Abstract: An article by PETA detailing cases of cruelty and neglect of classroom pets across the country.

Link to article: <https://secure.peta.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=2411>

2. **Title:** “Pass On the Classroom Pet” from humanesociety.org

Abstract: An article for the Humane Society of the United States offering suggested alternatives to the classroom pet.

Link to article: http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/classroom_pet.html

3. **Title:** “Why have Pets in the Classroom?” from petsinthe classroom.org

Abstract: An article from *Pets in the Classroom* advocating for teachers to adopt a pet for their classrooms.

Link to article: <http://www.petsinthe classroom.org/why-have-classroom-pets/>

Digital Nonfiction Texts

1. **Title:** “The Importance of Pets in the Classroom” from Martha Stewart video

Abstract: A classroom teacher of 26 years explains the benefits of pets in the classroom

Link to video: <http://www.marthastewart.com/924378/importance-pets-classroom>